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From: Op-16-P-3
To: Director of Naval Intelligence
Subject: Strategic Studies ONI-100 and ONI-109.

1. Strategic Study ONI-100 has finally been completed, - and should be on its way right now.

2. It was learned that the originally prepared (after much pressure) ONI-109 had never been distributed to operating forces who might use it; and meantime, a much later collation map (cartographic order-of-battle) and later reports from CAIRO, also a rather complete [REDACTED] report on the beaches of CRETE, have been received. It is desired to get this material into a revised ONI-109, - and also again get that ready, soon as possible.

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3. I am trying hard, to get these two into proper shape, and sent out, before my requested release; and inasmuch as I presume these will be the last for which I can be directly responsible, I would like them to be correct and timely as possible (An elegant swan song, - like a couple of my 6" star shells!).

4. As regards ONI-100. That is completed, correct, and ready to go out; The Army Air Corps would probably have had advance copies under way to Africa by plane, two days out, by this time! (I feel that I have failed in my duty, apparently, in that I seem to have been unable to impress the urgency for time, as regards these (also, I do not seem to have been able to impress, that the Army Surveys are not what our operating forces want, and that, in trying to combine something (even if not much) to nothing, the DNI is committing Harikiri)).

5. ONI-100 is completed, is in proper form, and is ready to go out (after much interruptions and hard work). To now delete the "orders-of-battle" in 3 places, would mean several more days of entirely unnecessary delay. Furthermore, - that being the possibly most valuable information of those sections, - it would vitiate value of the monograph (and its OMISSION might even cause loss of lives, - for the Operating forces do use these monographs, - I have received specific testimony, from four separate fronts, to such fact). I therefore would not feel justified, in these last monographs under my responsibility, to delete the subject vital parts, except upon specific written order of record to do so. (Such deletion would not only cause more unnecessary delay, but would also largely vitiate the value, as regards those parts, of what is then left in the Monograph to eventually be sent out).

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